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Subject:

Serial No. 10/017,955

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"LOCALIZED SLOTS FOR STRESS RELIEVE IN  
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Grp. Art Unit: 2813

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### RESPONSE PATENT OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, please amend the above-  
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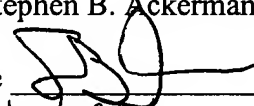
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